

**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, submitted concurrently with a one month extension of time to extend the due date for response to May 24, 2006.

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to its underlying subject matter. Further, claims 16 has been amended to direct to the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Lastly, claims 25-28 have been amended to be in independent form, and claims 29-32 have been amended to correspond to the embodiments of claims 19 and 20. Support for the claim amendments can be found variously throughout the specification and the original claims. Claims 2 and 16-32 are pending in this application.

In view of this Amendment, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 04-224579. This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 1.

Claims 1 and 16-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 11-087059. With regard to claim 1, this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 1. With regard to the remaining claims, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

However, in the interest of expediting the allowance of the present application, Applicant has amended claim 16 to direct to the luminescent compounds defined in claim 2 which the Examiner has already indicated to be allowable.

Thus, for these reasons, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**Objection to the Claims**

Claims 25-32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. This objection has been rendered moot in view of the foregoing claim amendments and arguments since the base claims are now allowable in view of such claim amendments and arguments.

### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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